

MINUTES

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSION

JANUARY 23, 2013

A regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commission was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Pasquale Nuzzolillo. Also present were Commissioners Sam Muzio, Michael Zuccarelli, Peter Criscuolo, Chief Vincent Landisio and Deputy Chief David Marcarelli.

Commissioner Criscuolo made a motion to accept the minutes of December 19, 2012. Commissioner Muzio seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Muzio-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Criscuolo-yes

Commissioner Criscuolo made a motion to accept the minutes of the special meetings held on January 2, 2013 & January 9, 2013. Commissioner Muzio seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Muzio-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Criscuolo-yes

The Chief's report was given; he spoke of items involving the department such as the alarms and a yearly review of calls; current budget status; two (2) volunteers of the department were hired as firefighters in Westport and Southington; attending a labor management seminar with Union President; 24 hour shifts started 1/1/13 and is working out well; and training was discussed. Lastly, he stated he would defer sick/injury leave to the executive session. Chairman Nuzzolillo agreed.

Chief Landisio spoke of correspondence for the department. A thank you was received from a Town resident for assistance at their home and a letter from Commissioner Daniel Fleming resigning from the Board of Fire Commission as of 1/4/13 and relocating to Tennessee. Chairman Nuzzolillo on behalf of the Board of Fire Commission thanked Daniel Fleming for his years of service to the commission and wished the family well in Tennessee.

Chief Landisio spoke of unfinished business for the department. He stated that the building construction meetings still moving forward; FF 1 class had their practical past weekend all did very well with one (1) failing and (1) injured; budget presentation for the department is this Saturday, 1/26/13; lastly, St. Raphael's Occupational Health will be doing more intense physicals of the members instead of just pulmonary testing in February.

Chairman Nuzzolillo on behalf of the Board of Fire Commission thanked Chief and Deputy Chief for their work thus far with the Building Construction. Also, congratulations to the FFI on completing their practical.

Chief Landisio then spoke of the new business in the department. He stated that FF Scott Martus was promoted to Lieutenant; two (2) new firefighters were hired and will be sworn into the department in February, Thomas Haggerty and Christopher Spoldi. Chairman Nuzzolillo stated that the interview process for the Lieutenant position was a great process for all the commissioners and on behalf of the Board of Fire Commission, congratulations to Scott Martus. Also, they were equally thrilled for the new Firefighters hiring the top two (2) ranked on the list, congratulations to Thomas Haggerty and Christopher Spoldi.

Chief Landisio discussed the good of the department. He spoke of the Poster Contest which was held on 1/3/13 and thanked the volunteer associations and Local 2987 for their contributions of saving bonds and gift certificates to the winners; Hamden/North Haven Elks FF of the year dinner will be held on Saturday, 2/23/13 honoring FF Christopher Murray and volunteer Ron Mattie. Tickets will be available at Fire Headquarters if anyone is interested in purchasing them. Lastly, he thanked Chaplain Jim Detweiler for his commitment to the department. 1

Chairman Nuzzolillo on behalf of the Board of Fire Commission thanked the Union President for all their efforts and also to Chaplain Detweiler who has made his mark in a short period of time.

Chief Landisio went back into new business of the department. He stated to the commission that he would like their permission to restructure the North Haven Fire Department and put forth a proposal for review of Board of Fire Commission and Town approval for “Transport Service” for the residents as soon as possible. He also stated that he will be asking the Board of Finance for an Assistant Chief position at his budget presentation.

Commissioner Criscuolo made a motion to accept Chief Landisio’s proposal to go forward with the study to restructure the department. Commissioner Zuccarelli seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Muzio-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Criscuolo-yes

Discussion was had amongst the commissioners regarding the restructuring of the department with discussion of revenue being brought into the Town.

In closing, Chief Landisio also thanked State Representative’s Dave Yaccarino and Len Fasano for all their help with State DOT on Route 15 and sixteen (16) trees will be removed in the area and will re-grade the area when complete.

Chairman Nuzzolillo asked Union President Anthony DeSimone if he had any comments. President DeSimone wanted to thank the commission for putting forward the request for restructuring of the North Haven Fire Department and that Local 2987 supports this study.

There being no further public business to come before the Board, Commissioner Muzio motioned to convene an executive session at 6:50 PM. Commissioner Zuccarelli seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Muzio-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Criscuolo-yes

Chairman Nuzzolillo moved to reconvene the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Commissioner Muzio made a motion to accept the applications of Mark Welz of West Ridge Company # 3 and Carlos Abreu of Northeast Company # 4 as probationary members, effective immediately. Commissioner Criscuolo seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Muzio-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Criscuolo-yes

Commissioner Zuccarelli made a motion to accept the leaves of Absence of Michael Kaefer of West Ridge Co. # 3 and John McFarland of Montowese Co. # 2, effective immediately. Commissioner Criscuolo seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Muzio-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Criscuolo-yes

Therefore, there being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Muzio moved for adjournment at 7:03 PM. Commissioner Criscuolo seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Muzio-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Criscuolo-yes

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Zuccarelli, Secretary

The next Board of Fire Commission Meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2013 at the Park & Rec. Center in Game Room at 6:00 P.M.